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SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY NARCOTICS STUDY TEAM

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1. THE INTERAGENCY TEAM (PARA 2 REFTEL) IS INTENDED TO FOSTER BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE FIELD CONCERNING OUR NARCOTICS PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS. SUCH CLOSE RAPPORT IS IMPORTANT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ESPECIALLY AS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP BEFORE ANY JOINT USG-RTG REVIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS.

2. CURRENT THINKING HERE IN WASHINGTON IS THAT THE TEAM WOULD TAKE ACTION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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A. THE TEAM LEADER, GEORGE B. ROBERTS, DIRECTOR OF EA/TB, WOULD ARRIVE IN BANGKOK AT 0215 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, VIA PA 1. HE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE AND MR. MASTERS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S CONVENIENCE DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 23 TO GO OVER THE GENERAL WASHINGTON VIEW OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, HOW THIS PROBLEM AFFECTS OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES IN THAILAND, AND HOW THE TEAM GENERALLY PLANS TO OPERATE DURING ITS TIME IN COUNTRY.

B. THE REST OF THE TEAM, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF RONALD NICHOLSON (STATE - S/NM), MAJOR MCBEE (AID - SER/INC), GEORGE ROBERTS (CUSTOMS, HONOLULU), DON FISCHLER (USDA), DOMINICK MINGIONE (DEA), AND RICHARD M. GIBSON (STATE - EA/TB), PLAN TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK FEB 23 AND EARLY FEB 24. THEY WILL CABLE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIMES.

C. THE ENTIRE TEAM WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH MR. MASTERS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICERS FEB 24. THEY WOULD THEN UNDERTAKE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO WITH APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION.

D. BECAUSE OF THE IMPENDING TRAVEL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MILLER, MR. ROBERTS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE BANGKOK VIA PA 1 AT 0320 FRIDAY, FEB 27, BUT THE REST OF THE TEAM WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN A FEW DAYS LONGER IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND THE GATHERING OF DATA.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE TEAM. THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO HAVE OTHER AREAS AND OTHER PROBLEMS CONSIDERED AS WELL.

- A. OVERALL MISSION NARCOTICS COORDINATION,
  - B. OVERALL TRAINING ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION,
  - C. FORM AND DESIRABILITY OF HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
  - D. ROLE OF DEA,
  - E. ROLE OF USDA,
  - F. ROLE OF CUSTOMS ADVISORY TEAM,
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- G. RELATIONSHIP OF CCINC PROGRAMS TO UN AND RTG EFFORTS,
- H. TNPD EFFORTS, AND
- I. OBTAINING AN ENHANCED ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITMENT FROM THE RTG.

4. WHILE DESIRING TO MINIMIZE ANY DISRUPTION OF MISSION ROUTINE, THE TEAM MEMBERS WOULD APPRECIATE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THEY BE PROVIDED

WITH AN OFFICE (WITH CLASSIFIED STORAGE FACILITIES),  
PART-TIME SECRETARIAL SERVICES (MAINLY FOR TYPING), AND  
ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY'S MOTOR POOL. IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL  
IS AUTHORIZED ALL TEAM MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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